

## PUPILS PRESENT PARENTS DISHES

Next Surprise Is Sprung at Meeting of Association Held at the Kemble School.

### LITTLE FOLKS IN SPEECHES

Mothers and Teachers Decide to Purchase Electric Stove to Go With 106-Piece Set.

The Parent-Teacher association held a very enthusiastic, interesting and unique meeting yesterday afternoon at Kemble school. The pupils had in store for the parents and friends a surprise which they had kept a secret for more than a month. This surprise was a set of dishes, consisting of 106 pieces.

After the meeting was called to order by the vice chairman, Mrs. Thompson, boys and girls from the fifth grade sang, "I Love the Stars and Stripes." This was followed by a neat little presentation speech by Lucille Elliott of the second grade. She said "Some parent-teacher mothers went to the cupboard to get some cups for tea; but when they got there the cupboard was bare, so borrowed cups you see; Kemble children many, with money much and plenty, sold candy with glee; they gave good measure, and took great pleasure to buy these dishes for you. So please accept them from grade No. 2."

Fearing the parents and friends might not fully understand that this good thing was done for them, Leroy Seuss, Ernest Don and Thomas Medill made it more emphatic by bringing in a cart laden with a cupboard and other utensils, which the first grade presented. Little Bert Nobinsky introduced his mates by saying, "Kind friends, we welcome you today with smiles of greetings true. The useful gifts to you we bring, my mates will show to you."

Norman Griffiths responded: "This pitcher, which I now present, is meant for good rich cream. I trust you each pronounce it fine and just 'a perfect dream.'"

Jamie Clayburn proclaimed: "The pitcher would be lonely like without its little mate. So I'll present this sugar bowl and also give a plate."

Kenneth Sunkken said: "The spoon case is my offering, and I'm sure you'll all admire the dishpan that I also bring in holiday attire."

Annetta Selmon insisted that "With in this coffee pot a secret's hid with me you will agree. 'Tis good for coffee and cocoa, too, and brings sociability."

Marie Hastings affirmed: "The cups, too, are for you. Now, don't you think they're pretty? With love, good wishes, and kindness, we give to you the best parents and friends in the city."

George Finnigan insisted: "That when, like Mother Hubbard old, to find a bone to spare, just open up the cupboard door, you'll never find it bare."

Milton Ramser, Elizabeth Stewart, and Virginia Battles gave the presentation for the sixth grade. They said: "Last month was the month of joy and mirth. When love and kindness encircled the earth. So the children of Kemble wanted to share in the spirit of giving, that filled the air. They wondered and wondered what they could do, for their hearts were loving, and their pennies few, then into their heads popped a wonderful thought for the Parent club a gift could be bought. And then came the query, what shall we buy? And how shall we pay for it on the sly? Swift came the answer, 'Never can we fail; we can raise all we need by a candy sale.' A candy sale! Hip, hip, hurrah! Of course the thing went through. We are the sweets and with the funds brought a useful gift for you. It's rather late for Christmas day, but not for its spirit true, so we've encircled our gift with our tenderest love before we present it to you. And now we beg you to accept it with our very kindest wishes, we surely liked our candy sale and hope you'll like the dishes."

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## "NOT UNUSUAL," SAYS EX-CONGRESSMAN WHO ENTERTAINS EX-WIFE AT DINNER



Mariska Aldrich.

New York, Jan. 8.—J. Frank Aldrich, ex-congressman from Illinois, who a few days ago gave a tea and musical in honor of Mrs. Mariska Aldrich, prima donna of the Metropolitan Opera company, who divorced him last October, expressed surprise today that the affair should have occasioned comment.

Their two children and 40 of their friends came to make merry as if nothing to speak of had happened in the Aldrich home.

Mr. Aldrich, white haired and distinguished in appearance, told of his little "party."

"Why, there is nothing unusual about it," he said. "I often give these musicals to my friends. Mrs. Aldrich? There's nothing strange in her presence here. It may be very modern, but we see no reason why we should not remain the best of friends. I do not wish to talk of the divorce. We have often had dinner and seen

the children together—Mrs. Aldrich and myself—since that."

Mrs. Aldrich was almost the first to arrive. The greeting between the two was without the least restraint. The face of the singer was beaming with happiness. Together the two went to see their children—Meeka, 12, and Fred, 10—who had arrived earlier with a nurse.

The other guests were all personal friends of the Aldrichs. Most of them were musicians and singers.

Mrs. Aldrich sang some folk songs. Then, as encores, she gave some of the arias with which she has won two continents. Her former husband led the applause.

The singer was married to Mr. Aldrich, then congressman, in 1901. She is 34 years old; Mr. Aldrich is 62. Mrs. Aldrich obtained a divorce on Oct. 21, 1915, in Missouri. Incompatibility of temperament, non-support and desertion were alleged.

Miss Putnam of Moline interested and enthused the audience with her talk on "Winter Birds." Miss Putnam is certainly at home with the birds and is familiar with their habits and song.

The social hour followed, at which light refreshments were served by the ladies.

**PUBLIC PLANS TO PROTEST IN BODY**

Citizens Will Wait on Commission to Urge Retention of Office of Water Superintendent.

It is understood that in addition to resolutions passed by the Rotary and Rock Island clubs, protesting against the abolishment of the office of superintendent of waterworks, that there will be presented to the city commissioners at their meeting Monday afternoon, a petition which is being generally signed by the citizens.

A public demonstration against the proposed move also likely will be made at the council meeting. It is learned that a large number of residents are planning on visiting the commissioners in a body for the purpose of urging the importance of retaining the office of waterworks superintendent.

**PETER PAN HAT OF STRAW AND VELVET**

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### TAVENNER'S COLUMN.

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the country where Stone-Webster were interested. He writes brochures and articles in favor of his clients.

Harry J. Pierce, now of Seattle, formerly connected with the General Electric interests of New York, is another power lobbyist who is expected to be active. He was a prime mover in the Portland water power conference, recently held at Portland, Ore., to organize opposition to conservation legislation.

He has written a book called "Looking Squarely at the Water Power Problem," addressed to members of congress, publicists, correspondents, etc., and a pamphlet called "Power Legislation and Federal Control," which has been mailed broadcast.

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S. Z. Mitchell, president of the Electric Bond & Share company, the holding company of the General Electric, who has appeared before senate and house committees in the past, is expected to be active. So is Frank H. Short, an attorney of Fresno, Cal. He has represented the Pacific Gas & Electric, and the San Joaquin Light & Power company before congress. His specialty is "constitutional arguments," and he has the reputation of being one of the ablest western attorneys appearing in Washington.

These gentlemen will be reinforced, if necessary by numerous presidents, vice presidents and general managers of various power companies extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Men in the conservation movement who should know say the water power fight which will take place this winter is to be the most far-reaching, carefully organized and determinedly fought of any similar fight before congress. "White coal," as water power is called, is going to be the controlling factor in the nation's development for centuries to come, say the conservation people. The country with the most power, and the power which is put to the best uses, is to be the economic and political master of the world. Coal is being superseded by power at an enormous rate. Electricity is the key to the industry of the future. Monopolized in private hands, the owners of the nation's power will be economic masters of the whole population. Concentration in the ownership by private interests of water powers in the United States has increased in the last five years about seven times faster than power development.

If the title to the nation's remaining power sites can be held by the government, cheap power may mean many blessings for the people, but if the title is parted with, monopoly prices paralleling the experience with the coast trust will be the result. Unless the administration turns in and fights vigorously beside the National Conservation association, it is feared that much bad power legislation will go through congress while the attention of the country is occupied with national defense and other questions.

### BURIED WITH ALL MILITARY HONORS

Funeral of James R. Reynolds Is Held Yesterday Afternoon at Kincaid Residence.

Funeral services for James R. Reynolds, first lieutenant of company A of Rock Island, were held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kincaid, 2802 Eighth-and-a-half avenue, with whom he made his home. There was a large attendance of friends, former associates in the police department and members of company A, national guard, Rock Island, and company F, Moline, were present in uniform. A number of the state regimental officers

were also in attendance, among them being Colonel Davis, Genesee; Major Reig, Moline; Lieutenant Voss, Rock Island; Lieutenant Walheim, Genesee; and Battalion Sergeant Major Gustafson, Rock Island.

Rev. David A. Johnson, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, was in charge of the services, which were very simple. The floral tributes were beautiful and many. The remains were escorted to Chippanock cemetery by members of company A and company F in charge of Captain Ed Dunavin of this city.

After brief services at the grave the body was buried with full military honors, the customary salute being fired.

The pallbearers were Captain R. E. Willis, Moline; Captain Lavine, Genesee; Lieutenant Johnson, Genesee; Lieutenant Fromme, Moline; Lieutenant Quick, Moline, and Lieutenant Guy H. Moose, Rock Island.

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